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SUBJECT: INFORMATION MATERIAL FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES  
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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS OBTAINED THE MATERIAL REQUESTED IN REGIONAL FISHERY ATTACHE'S (RFA'S) LETTER OF MARCH 23. THE REVIEW OF THE FIRST YEAR OF EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION HAS BEEN MAILED ON APRIL 7, VIA APO TO TOKYO. THE FISHERIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE USUALLY NEVER PUBLISHED BEFORE APRIL 15. THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON APRIL 12, ON WHICH DATE F411 WILL MAIL YOU A COPY TO TOKYO. THE SUMMARY WAS AIRMAILED APRIL 10. HOPEFULLY YOU WILL RECEIVE IT IN TIME FOR YOUR USIS LECTURE IN KOREA. BELOW ARE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STATISTICAL DATA FOR U.S. FISHERIES IN 1977:

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COMMERCIAL LANDINGS IN 1977 WERE 5.2 BILLION LBS (ROUND WEIGHT), VALUED AT A RECORD \$1.5 BILLION. THE LOWER QUANTITY WAS CAUSED BY A DECLINE IN INDUSTRIAL LANDINGS; THE 12 PERCENT HIGHER VALUE BY INCREASING PRICES. THE LANDINGS OF EDIBLE SPECIES, AT 2.9 BILLION LBS AND WORTH 1.4 BILLION DOLLARS, WERE THE LARGEST SINCE 1951. CRAB LANDINGS WERE UP 16 PERCENT FOR A NEW RECORD.

LANDINGS OF TUNA BY U.S. FISHERMEN AT PORTS ABROAD WERE DOWN 30 PERCENT. AS A RESULT, LANDINGS OF TUNA AT U.S. PORTS WERE DOWN 140 MILLION LBS.

FOREIGN CATCHES IN U.S. 200-MILE ZONE WERE 1.7 MILLION TONS, 0.4 MILLION TONS LESS THAN THE ALLOCATIONS GRANTED. THIS WAS A DECREASE OF 27 PERCENT FROM 1976. JAPAN ACCOUNTED FOR 66 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL FOREIGN CATCH, THE USSR 22 PERCENT, AND THE ROK 5 PERCENT; 12 NATIONS FISHED OFF U.S.

PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF EDIBLE FISHERY PRODUCTS WAS 12.8 LBS.

IMPORTS OF EDIBLE AND NON-EDIBLE PRODUCTS WERE A RECORD 2.6 BILLION DOLLARS, OR 12 PERCENT MORE THAN IN 1976, WHILE EXPORTS WERE VALUED AT 520 MILLION DOLLARS (35 PERCENT MORE THAN IN 1976).

ROK IN 1977 EXPORTED 105 MILLION LBS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS TO U.S. WORTH 60 MILLION DOLLARS, OR CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN 129 MILLION LBS, WORTH 71 MILLION DOLLARS, IN 1976. THE REASON IS PROBABLY DECREASED EXPORTS OF POLLOCK FILLETS. IF KOREAN EXPORT STATISTICS BY SPECIES FOR 1977 UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE, NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY.

KOREAN CATCHES OF FISH IN THE U.S. 200-MILE ZONE IN 1977 WERE AS FOLLOWS (IN METRIC TONS):

A. GULF OF ALASKA: POLLOCK: 35,800 ALLOCATED; 36,015 CAUGHT. ROCKFISHES: 600 ALLOCATED; 601 CAUGHT. SABLEFISH: (A) SOUTHEAST: INCIDENTAL ALLOCATION; 0 CAUGHT. (B) OTHER: 1,600 ALLOCATED; 1,598 CAUGHT. OTHER FINFISH: 100 ALLOCATED; 100 CAUGHT. TOTAL ALLOCATION: 38,100; TOTAL CATCH: 38,314.

B. BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS: ALASKA POLLOCK: 40,000 ALLOCATED; 39,785 CAUGHT. SABLEFISH: 600 ALLOCATED; 90 CAUGHT. OTHER FINFISH: 2,490 ALLOCATED; 1,968 CAUGHT. TOTAL: ALLOCATION: 43,090; TOTAL CATCH: 41,843. VANCE

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